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PERFORMANCE BY MAINTAINING CONSTANT ABSORPTION WITH THE
USE OF INTEGRATED TAP COUPLERS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE
TC/A.U.: 2873
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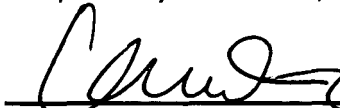
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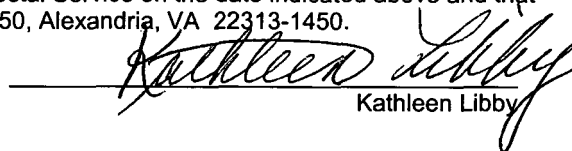
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